

## Message Text

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ACTION INR-07

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 DLOS-09 L-03 CIAE-00 NSAE-00  
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R 270010Z APR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2240  
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PLOS PP  
SUBJ: PNG 1976 NATIONAL SEAS BILL

REF: A) PORT MORESBY A-24, B) STATE 82612

1. PNG NATIONAL SEAS ACT, WHILE PASSED BY PARLIAMENT, WILL NOT BECOME INTO EFFECT UNTIL THE GPNG MAKES A PROCLAMATION DELIMITING THE AREA OF THE OFFSHORE SEAS. NO ACTION PROCLAIMING A 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA WILL BE TAKEN, WE UNDERSTAND, UNTIL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN PNG AND AUSTRALIA OVER TORRES STRAIT. DISCUSSIONS ON TORRES STRAIT COULD FALL ANYTIME FROM AUGUST UNTIL OCT 77, BUT WILL IN ANY CASE BE A MATTER FOR THE NEXT PNG CABINET TO CONSIDER. THE NEW CABINET WILL BE FORMED ON AUGUST 9 AT EARLIEST.

2. GIVEN ABOVE WE RECOMMEND THAT NOTE OF PROTEST TO GPNG RE 12-MILE LIMIT BE HELD IN ABEYANCE.  
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## Message Attributes

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